Senate Study Bill 1072 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BILL)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act striking certain reporting requirements related to
- 2 nonprofit school organizations established by school
- 3 districts.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 279.62, Code 2021, is amended to read as 2 follows:

- 3 279.62 Nonprofit school organizations.
- 4 The board of directors of a school district may take action
- 5 to adopt a resolution to establish, and authorize expenditures
- 6 for the operational support of, an entity or organization for
- 7 the sole benefit of the school district and its students that
- 8 is exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3)
- 9 of the Internal Revenue Code. The entity or organization
- 10 shall reimburse the school district for expenditures made by
- 11 the school district on behalf of the entity or organization.
- 12 Prior to establishing such an entity or organization, the board
- 13 of directors shall hold a public hearing on the proposal to
- 14 establish such an entity or organization. Such an entity or
- 15 organization shall maintain its records in accordance with
- 16 chapter 22, except that the entity or organization shall
- 17 provide for the anonymity of a donor at the written request
- 18 of the donor. The board of directors of a school district
- 19 shall annually report to the department of education and to
- 20 the local community the administrative expenditures, revenues,
- 21 and activities of the entity or organization established by
- 22 the school district pursuant to this section. The department
- 23 shall include in its annual condition of education report a
- 24 statewide summary of the expenditures and revenues submitted in
- 25 accordance with this section.
- 26 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 29 Code section 279.62 authorizes a school district to
- 30 establish, and authorize expenditures for the operational
- 31 support of, an entity or organization for the sole benefit
- 32 of the school district and its students that is exempt from
- 33 federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
- 34 Revenue Code. The board of directors of the school district
- 35 is required to annually report to the department of education

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- 1 and to the local community the administrative expenditures,
- 2 revenues, and activities of the entity or organization, and the
- 3 department is required to include a summary of such information
- 4 in its annual condition of education report. This bill strikes
- 5 the requirement that the school district annually report to the
- 6 department of education and the requirement that the department
- 7 include a summary of such information in its annual report.